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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

BILLING -MEDEL et al.

Serial No.: 09/092,296

Art Unit: 1642

Filing Date: June 5, 1998

Examiner: T. Worrall

Title:

REAGENTS AND METHODS USEFUL FOR DETECTING DISEASES OF

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following extension of time is requested in order to respond to the Office Action mailed May 12, 1999.

X One month to September 12, 1999. The response date, with a one-month extension, falls on Sunday, September 12, 1999. Accordingly, the response date is September 13, 1999. The extension fee is

\_\_\$55 <u>X</u>\$110

 Two months to \$190 \$380	The extension fee is
 Three months to \$435 \$870	The extension fee is
 Four months to\$680\$1,360	The extension fee is
 Five months to	The extension fee is

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	A (one) (two) month Petition for Extension of Time was previously filed with the appropriate fee on
	The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated
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<u>X</u>	A check to cover the \$110.00 extension fee is attached.
	Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.
99 1.10 and 1.	ommissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R.  17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to ant No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 13 Sept 1999

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